

and recreational activities, vocational development and guidance. It instills a feeling of importance in the members while helping build character and leadership abilities.

After-school child care and preschool day care support the needs of working parents. Our preschool program is committed to promoting quality child care that contributes to increased social and emotional development, learning skills and school readiness. The Summer Career Exploration Program provides on-the-job experience to teenagers for a six week period. All teenagers are invited to apply for summer employment, beginning with the completion of job applications and being called in for an interview. The interview process itself teaches teens valuable life skills in obtaining employment, especially how to present oneself at an interview. It also provides self-esteem and self-awareness. Leadership abilities are enhanced when a youth is placed in a job, has a say in decision making and becomes responsible for their performance. A sense of pride is established when a teenager can say "I did a good job today." Adult participants act as mentors for the teens. The youth involved in this program attend workshops covering topics such as peer pressure, conflict resolution and substance abuse prevention, to name just a few.

Summer camp is a well-rounded, ten-week program offering each child opportunities that may not be afforded to them if they stayed home with a babysitter. Campers receive breakfast, lunch and a snack each day and all go on one trip a week to places like the FunPlex, The Academy of Natural Sciences, The Franklin Institute and the Brunswick Zone. The Club offers a computer program, arts and crafts, environmental education and other activities designed to instill creativeness and pride in our children. Anti-violence workshops teach the youngsters to respect themselves and others. Children are taught that they can make the world a better place by believing we are all members of the same race—the human race. They learn to protect the environment by recycling, to improve literacy by reading and to help others by performing club related community service.

The Club also has a scholarship program which provides small financial gifts to college bound members. Keystone and Torch encourages children to stay in school and guides them in career and vocational choices. The Club is also a worksite for the Juvenile Justice System and many youth perform court-ordered community service there.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the Bridesburg Boys & Girls Club, an organization that has been proudly serving the youth of Philadelphia's neighboring communities for over 75 years, demonstrating in so many ways that they are an organization that truly lives up to their motto, Great Futures Start Here.

IAN DONALDSON

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Ian Donaldson

for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Ian Donaldson is an 8th grader at Moore Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Ian Donaldson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Ian Donaldson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2016*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes taken last Wednesday and Thursday, May 18–19, due to a family health emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Vote Number 200 (Passage of H. Res. 735): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 201 (Adoption of the Previous Question on H. Res. 736): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 202 (Passage of H. Res. 736): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 203 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1014 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. DAVID MCKINLEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 204 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1016 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. JERROLD NADLER): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 205 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1019 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. TED POE): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 206 (Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 207 (Passage of H.R. 5243, the Zika Response Appropriations Act, 2016): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 208 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1029 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. KEN BUCK): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 209 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1030 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. JOHN FLEMING): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 210 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1033 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. BARBARA LEE): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 211 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1034 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. JARED POLIS): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 212 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1036 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. KEITH ELLISON): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 213 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1037 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. KEITH ELLISON): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 214 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1041 to H.R. 4909 offered by Rep. MARK SANFORD): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 215 (Motion to Re-commit H.R. 4909): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 216 (Passage of H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 217 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1057 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. MICK MULVANEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 218 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1058 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. MICK MULVANEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 219 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1059 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. MICK MULVANEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 220 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1060 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. MICK MULVANEY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 221 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1062 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. EARL BLUMENAUER): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 222 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1063 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. JOHN FLEMING): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 223 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1064 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. JARED HUFFMAN): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 224 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1075 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. PAUL GOSAR): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 225 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1076 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. SCOTT PERRY): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 226 (Passage of H. AMDT. 1079 to H.R. 4974 offered by Rep. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY): YES.

Roll Call Vote Number 227 (Engrossment and Third Reading): NO.

Roll Call Vote Number 228 (Passage of H.R. 4974, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017): YES.

#### IN HONOR OF GTI'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2016*

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Gas Technology Institute (GTI) on its 75th anniversary. Located in the heart of Illinois' 8th District, GTI is a large part of our community and a pillar of our country's energy sector.

Every day, GTI researchers develop protocols, processes, technologies, tools and training solutions which enhance our energy products worldwide. Starting with only a dozen staff and barely enough space to conduct a few experiments, GTI quickly grew. Utilizing their robust technical expertise, currently GTI holds over 1,300 patents; including more than 80 patents for fuel cells technology.

I have had the opportunity to visit GTI and see firsthand their state-of-the-art facilities and learn about their developments in advanced biofuels. For 75 years, GTI has provided innovative solutions to critical energy challenges and improved the way we produce, transport and use energy.

I applaud GTI's success and congratulate them on 75 remarkable years of innovation, leadership and expertise in our energy sector. Illinois is fortunate to be home to such a renowned institution.

#### IN HONOR OF MR. E. DALE WORTHAM

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2016*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, my colleague the Honorable GENE